



## Public Opinion Survey Results

The Maine People's Resource Center conducted a public opinion survey of 525 registered Maine voters on behalf of Maine Citizens for Clean Elections.

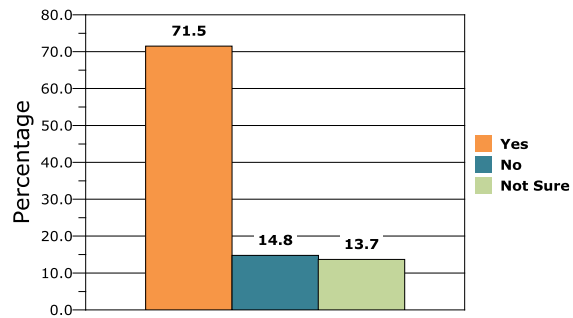
The results show strong support for Maine's Clean Election system. 71.5 percent of respondents expressed a belief that Maine should continue the program. Of those, 99% indicated that continuing Clean Elections was either somewhat or very important, with most (80.3%) choosing very important.

Support for Clean Elections was strong across all age groups and geographic areas measured and among both men and women. Majorities of 58.1% of Republicans and 55% of self-identified supporters of the tea party expressed their support for the continuation of the program.

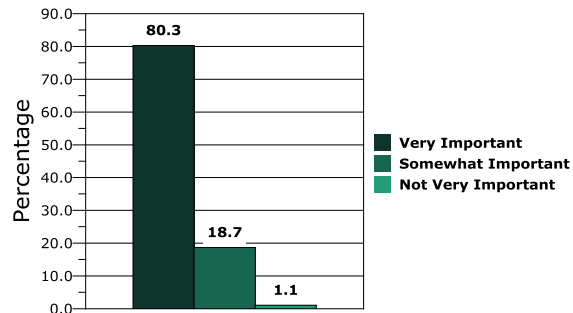
Similarly large majorities, including among Republicans and tea party supporters were seen when respondents were asked if candidates for governor should use the program.

When opposition to the law was mentioned and a question was asked about repeal of Clean Elections rather than the program's continuance, 61% of respondents, including a majority of Republicans and a plurality of tea party supporters said they opposed repealing the law. Only 20% of respondents supported repeal and this number dropped to 12% when asked about the legislature repealing the law only for gubernatorial candidates and leaving it in place for legislative candidates.

**Question 1** - Maine citizens put the Maine Clean Election Act on the ballot and, in 1996, Maine voters passed it into law. Since 2000, qualified candidates for state office who limit their spending have received limited public funds to run for office rather than relying on campaign donations from private sources. Do you think Maine should continue to have a Clean Election program?

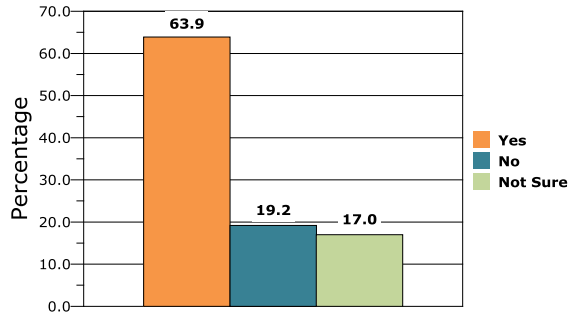


**Question 2** - How important it is for Maine to continue to have Clean Elections? (graph shows only those who answered Yes to Question 1)

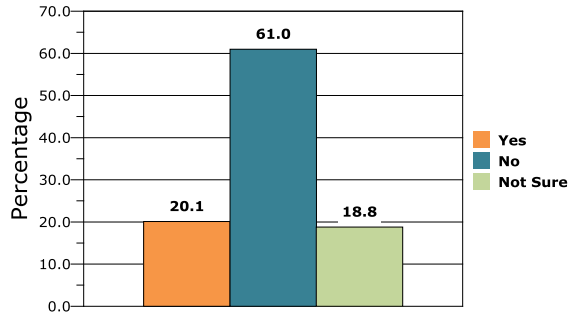




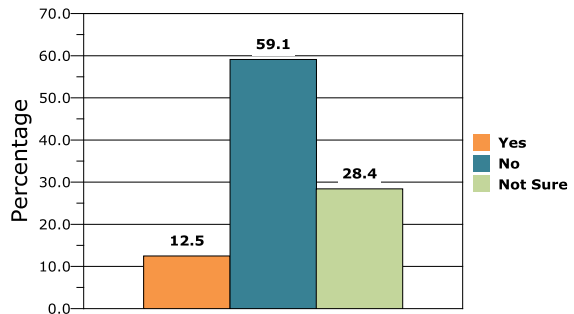
**Question 3** - Do you think candidates running for governor should use Maine's Clean Election law, which provides public campaign funds for candidates who agree to spending limits and accept only small contributions from individuals?



**Question 4** - Some members of Maine's legislature oppose the Clean Election Act and have proposed legislation to repeal or partially repeal the law. Do you think the Legislature should repeal Clean Elections?



**Question 5** - Do you think the Legislature should repeal Clean Elections for gubernatorial candidates but keep the program for State House and Senate candidates?



**Crosstabs**

**CE Question 1 \* gender Crosstabulation**

% within gender

		gender		Total
		female	male	
CE Question 1	Yes	72.3%	70.5%	71.4%
	No	9.9%	20.3%	14.9%
	Not Sure	17.9%	9.2%	13.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



**CE Question 1 \* party Crosstabulation**

% within party

		party			Total
		D	R	I	
CE Question 1	Yes	83.5%	58.1%	71.6%	71.4%
	No	7.7%	23.4%	14.2%	14.9%
	Not Sure	8.8%	18.6%	14.2%	13.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**CE Question 1 \* tea party Crosstabulation**

% within tea party

		tea party			Total
		tea party	non-tea party	not sure	
CE Question 1	Yes	55.0%	77.8%	NA	71.5%
	No	28.2%	9.6%	NA	14.8%
	Not Sure	16.8%	12.6%	NA	13.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	NA	100.0%

**CE Question 1 \* age Crosstabulation**

% within age

		age				Total
		18-29	30-44	45-65	65+	
CE Question 1	Yes	69.3%	70.5%	70.7%	74.8%	71.3%
	No	22.7%	9.8%	16.3%	13.0%	15.0%
	Not Sure	8.0%	19.7%	13.0%	12.2%	13.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



**CE Question 1 \* CD Crosstabulation**

% within CD

		CD		Total
		1	2	
CE Question 1	Yes	68.3%	74.7%	71.4%
	No	19.0%	10.5%	14.9%
	Not Sure	12.7%	14.8%	13.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**CE Question 2 \* gender Crosstabulation**

% within gender

		gender		Total
		female	male	
CE Question 2	very important	64.2%	67.9%	66.0%
	somewhat important	28.5%	17.9%	23.4%
	not very important	4.0%	9.9%	6.8%
	no clean elections	3.3%	4.4%	3.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**CE Question 2 \* party Crosstabulation**

% within party

		party			Total
		D	R	I	
CE Question 2	very important	73.6%	53.0%	70.6%	66.0%
	somewhat important	19.8%	30.4%	20.3%	23.3%
	not very important	5.5%	10.1%	5.6%	7.0%
	no clean elections	1.1%	6.5%	3.4%	3.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



**CE Question 2 \* tea party Crosstabulation**

% within tea party

		tea party			Total
		tea party	non-tea party	not sure	
CE Question 2	very important	48.3%	73.1%	NA	66.2%
	somewhat important	32.9%	19.9%	NA	23.5%
	not very important	12.1%	4.6%	NA	6.7%
	no clean elections	6.7%	2.4%	NA	3.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	NA	100.0%

**CE Question 2 \* age Crosstabulation**

% within age

		age				Total
		18-29	30-44	45-65	65+	
CE Question 2	very important	68.9%	66.9%	63.6%	69.3%	66.3%
	somewhat important	24.3%	25.6%	23.4%	21.1%	23.5%
	not very important	6.8%	1.7%	8.9%	7.0%	6.5%
	no clean elections		5.8%	4.2%	2.6%	3.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**CE Question 2 \* CD Crosstabulation**

% within CD

		CD		Total
		1	2	
CE Question 2	very important	64.3%	68.0%	66.1%
	somewhat important	22.3%	24.6%	23.4%
	not very important	8.6%	5.1%	6.9%
	no clean elections	4.8%	2.3%	3.6%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



**CE Question 3 \* gender Crosstabulation**

% within gender

		gender		Total
		female	male	
CE Question 3	Yes	66.4%	61.0%	63.8%
	No	11.7%	27.5%	19.2%
	Not Sure	21.9%	11.6%	17.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**CE Question 3 \* party Crosstabulation**

% within party

		party			Total
		D	R	I	
CE Question 3	Yes	69.2%	56.3%	65.3%	63.8%
	No	13.7%	25.7%	18.8%	19.2%
	Not Sure	17.0%	18.0%	15.9%	17.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**CE Question 3 \* tea party Crosstabulation**

% within tea party

		tea party			Total
		tea party	non-tea party	not sure	
CE Question 3	Yes	56.7%	66.8%	NA	63.8%
	No	30.0%	15.0%	NA	19.2%
	Not Sure	13.3%	18.2%	NA	17.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	NA	100.0%



**CE Question 3 \* age Crosstabulation**

% within age

		age				Total
		18-29	30-44	45-65	65+	
CE Question 3	Yes	62.2%	60.7%	67.4%	61.4%	63.8%
	No	23.0%	19.7%	19.1%	16.7%	19.2%
	Not Sure	14.9%	19.7%	13.5%	21.9%	17.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**CE Question 3 \* CD Crosstabulation**

% within CD

		CD		Total
		1	2	
CE Question 3	Yes	64.6%	63.3%	63.9%
	No	17.5%	20.7%	19.1%
	Not Sure	17.9%	16.0%	17.0%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**CE Question 4 \* gender Crosstabulation**

% within gender

		gender		Total
		female	male	
CE Question 4	Yes	15.7%	25.0%	20.2%
	No	57.7%	64.7%	61.0%
	Not Sure	26.6%	10.3%	18.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



**CE Question 4 \* party Crosstabulation**

% within party

		party			Total
		D	R	I	
CE Question 4	Yes	13.7%	31.7%	15.9%	20.2%
	No	72.5%	43.7%	65.9%	61.1%
	Not Sure	13.7%	24.6%	18.2%	18.7%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**CE Question 4 \* tea party Crosstabulation**

% within tea party

		tea party			Total
		tea party	non-tea party	not sure	
CE Question 4	Yes	35.6%	14.2%	NA	20.2%
	No	38.3%	70.0%	NA	61.0%
	Not Sure	26.2%	15.8%	NA	18.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	NA	100.0%

**CE Question 4 \* age Crosstabulation**

% within age

		age				Total
		18-29	30-44	45-65	65+	
CE Question 4	Yes	23.0%	15.7%	20.9%	21.7%	20.2%
	No	52.7%	62.8%	62.8%	60.9%	61.0%
	Not Sure	24.3%	21.5%	16.3%	17.4%	18.9%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%





**CE Question 4 \* CD Crosstabulation**

% within CD

		CD		Total
		1	2	
CE Question 4	Yes	21.6%	18.7%	20.2%
	No	59.9%	62.3%	61.0%
	Not Sure	18.6%	19.1%	18.8%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**CE Question 5 \* gender Crosstabulation**

% within gender

		gender		Total
		female	male	
CE Question 5	Yes	9.1%	16.3%	12.6%
	No	52.9%	65.7%	59.0%
	Not Sure	38.0%	17.9%	28.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**CE Question 5 \* party Crosstabulation**

% within party

		party			Total
		D	R	I	
CE Question 5	Yes	14.3%	12.6%	10.8%	12.6%
	No	59.9%	59.3%	58.5%	59.2%
	Not Sure	25.8%	28.1%	30.7%	28.2%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



**CE Question 5 \* tea party Crosstabulation**

% within tea party

		tea party			Total
		tea party	non-tea party	not sure	
CE Question 5	Yes	14.8%	11.8%	NA	12.6%
	No	57.7%	59.5%	NA	59.0%
	Not Sure	27.5%	28.7%	NA	28.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	NA	100.0%

**CE Question 5 \* age Crosstabulation**

% within age

		age				Total
		18-29	30-44	45-65	65+	
CE Question 5	Yes	6.8%	11.5%	12.6%	16.5%	12.4%
	No	68.9%	50.8%	63.7%	53.0%	59.1%
	Not Sure	24.3%	37.7%	23.7%	30.4%	28.5%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

**CE Question 5 \* CD Crosstabulation**

% within CD

		CD		Total
		1	2	
CE Question 5	Yes	13.0%	12.1%	12.6%
	No	61.7%	56.3%	59.0%
	Not Sure	25.3%	31.6%	28.4%
	Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%



## Methodology

A survey of 525 Maine registered voters was conducted by interactive voice response from May 4<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Calls were made at different times of day to maximize the diversity of possible respondents. Questions were recorded by a female interviewer.

Survey results were mathematically weighted by gender, age and geographic area to ensure an accurate representation of the population being surveyed. The sample was not weighted by party or ideology.

The margin of error of this survey is 4.28%, 95 times out of 100. Sub-samples may have a larger margin of error.

Frequencies and percentages may not always add up to the total number of responses or to 100%, due to weighting and rounding.

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## Demographic Frequencies

### Gender

	Frequency	Percent
Male	274	52.2
Female	251	47.8
Total	525	100.0

### Age

	Frequency	Percent
18-29	74	14.1
30-44	121	23.1
45-65	215	41.0
65+	115	21.9
Total	525	100.0

### Congressional District

	Frequency	Percent
CD 1	269	51.2
CD 2	256	48.8
Total	525	100.0

### Party

	Frequency	Percent
Democratic	182	34.6
Republican	167	31.8
Independent /other	176	33.6
Total	525	100.0

### Tea Party

	Frequency	Percent
Tea Party	149	28.4
Non-Tea Party	373	71.1
Not Sure	3	.5
Total	525	100.0